

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMUNITY SHARES OF
COLORADO

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Community Shares of Colorado, a philanthropic organization that is celebrating 25 years of supporting Colorado's communities. In its years of service, Community Shares has demonstrated a tireless commitment to supporting Colorado's non-profits and providing individuals with an opportunity to do the same.

Community Shares strives to connect Coloradans of any economic background with organizations that inspire them. The organizations staff and supporters firmly believe that philanthropy should not be restricted to the most affluent, but rather should be extended to include any and all who are willing to give. Using this approach, they have brought together average gifts of \$5 a week for a total of nearly \$20 million in support of more than 100 nonprofits.

Furthermore, Community Shares has recently begun a program entitled "My Colorado Project" aimed at encouraging our kids and young Coloradans to develop the habits of philanthropy and social responsibility. This innovative program expands traditional donation to include elements of social media and creates an engaging virtual community that involves our young, emerging philanthropists in supporting their communities and causes they care about with a geographic, age-accessible online tool.

The organizations that Community Shares supports are local and dedicated to the issues that define Colorado, from protecting our abundant natural resources to improving health care and promoting community leadership.

I join the State of Colorado in thanking the staff of this organization for their hard work and dedication, and I look forward to its continued success.●

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I recognize the 25th anniversary season of Music in the Mountains, a nonprofit classical music festival held in Durango, CO. This festival began in 1987 when Maestro Mischa Seminetsky assembled 11 musicians and offered 5 chamber music performances. Under the strong and capable leadership of executive director Susan Lander and current board president Terry Bacon, the festival has grown to more than 220 musicians, many of whom are esteemed first chairs from orchestras across the country and a number of world renowned soloists. The festival now offers nearly thirty orchestral and chamber performances as well as a number of nontraditional musical events.

In addition the festival includes a conservatory program that provides musical training and mentoring for up to 100 young musicians from around

the world. In 2000 Mischa Seminetsky and then-board president Ann Flatten began the Music in the Mountains Goes to School Program to reach out to local school children for instructional sessions and miniconcerts. Since then Music in the Mountains has become a regular partner with local schools in Durango offering a variety of teaching programs and activities during the school year that impact the life of hundreds of young students.

This festival would be remarkable in any community; I take particular pride in its being held in Durango, a town of 14,000 residents in the southwest corner of Colorado. The festival is a key component of southwest Colorado's summertime economy providing important economic benefits for the region. Most of the performances are held at the Durango Mountain Ski Resort, a stunningly beautiful resort north of Durango in the San Juan Mountains and an enchanting place to listen to world class music. I congratulate Music in the Mountains and all the volunteers, musicians and community leaders who have made this festival a brilliant success over the last 25 years.●

MAINE MILITARY FUNERAL
HONORS PROGRAM

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I recognize the contribution of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program of the Army National Guard. The soldiers in this exceptional program perform military honors at the funerals for Maine's fallen warriors and veterans. They pay tribute to the men and women who have served our Nation, and provide comfort and dignity to the families during their time of loss.

On August 27, the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program performed its seven thousandth military funeral, a duty they have carried out since October 2004. Since that time, approximately 30 highly skilled and carefully selected soldiers of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program have performed funerals for all of Maine's soldiers who have been killed in action, as well as funerals for veterans of every era, including one in July 2010 for a Civil War Veteran, William Wallace Clark, whose remains were recovered in July 2009 from an unmarked grave beside that of his wife. The team performed 424 military funerals in its first year, and this year they will perform over 1,300—sadly more than 3 funerals per day as our World War II veterans are leaving us.

The soldiers of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program proudly and respectfully render final honors for our fallen heroes, both past and present, from Fort Kent to Kittery, in the sweltering heat or the bitter cold. They never break military bearing and conform to the same exacting standards that are expected of all honor guards across the country, including those at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Maine Military Funeral Honors Program provides services to 96 percent

of the Army veteran population in the State of Maine, a remarkable achievement unmatched by any other State. This year, the program will likely achieve 100 percent. As they continue to meet the growing number of requests to honor those who have answered the call to serve, I continue to be impressed by this exceptional program's dedication to honoring Maine's fallen Army veterans. On the occasion of their seven thousandth military funeral, it is an honor for me to pay homage to those who provide final honors to the best Maine and America have to offer.●

BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in recognizing Bonneville County's 100-year anniversary.

Established on February 7, 1911, by the Idaho Legislature, Bonneville County was formed out of Bingham County in eastern Idaho, along the Wyoming border. Bonneville County was named for CPT Benjamin Bonneville, an officer in the U.S. Army who was an explorer and fur trapper in the area in the 1830s.

Home to more than 100,000 Idahoans in an area of nearly 2,000 square miles, the county has diverse geography and industry. It is Idaho's fourth largest county and includes the six incorporated cities of Idaho Falls, Ucon, Iona, Ammon, Swan Valley, and Irwin. Outside of these cities, the county has many beautiful natural features, including the Snake River, Palisades Reservoir, Caribou National Forest, Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and Targhee National Forest. Family farmers produce an abundance of agricultural products, including grain, livestock, fruits and vegetables, floriculture, and poultry, throughout the county. Bonneville County also leads the Nation in energy research and development through the Idaho National Laboratory, the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, and the AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility.

Bonneville County residents have much to celebrate with 100 years of accomplishments. The work of the Bonneville County Heritage Association and volunteers to organize events observing this milestone, including the centennial Gala Celebration in November, is commendable. Many people have worked hard to make this celebration possible.

I was blessed to grow up and together with my wife raise our children in Bonneville County, where we experienced firsthand the exceptionalism of the people and the communities of the county.

Senator RISCH and I are proud to recognize this landmark anniversary. We congratulate Bonneville County residents for this centennial, and we wish its communities many more years of success.●